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Dulles Praises U-2 Secrecy

Allen Dulles, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency describes the U-2 intelligence flights as "the best kept secret for five years of any other operation that I've known."

The former CIA chief said in a television interview last night that "for many years a subcommittee of the appropriations committee of the House and the Senate . . . went over our entire budget, to whom we disclosed any information they wanted."

Mr. Dulles said members of the subcommittee "never" revealed any CIA secrets.

In regard to the U-2 affair, Mr. Dulles said he never shared criticism of downed pilot Francis Powers.

"I think on the whole he handled himself properly," Mr. Dulles said.